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CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE, VIA THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship *BATAVIA*, No. 523, Tom. Hospital, Captain WILLIAMSON, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., via INLAND SEA, KORE, and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 3rd April, at Noon.

To be followed by the S.S. *ABYSSINIA*, on the 24th April, and S.S. *PARTHIA*, on the 15th May.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points, by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be charged as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria, (Mex.) \$210.00.

To Montreal, New York, &c., \$20.00.

To Liverpool ... \$35.00.

To London ... \$30.00.

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 2nd April.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1890.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

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THE Steamship *GABRIEL* will be despatched from San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 5th April, at 1 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcels should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Freight will be charged as follows:—

To San Francisco and return ... \$225.00.

To Liverpool ... \$303.75.

To London ... \$25.00.

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10%.

This discount will be applied through agents from China and Japan.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 502, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 12, 1890.

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Carry can be taken on through B.R. of Lading for the principal places in BRITAIN.

ON SUNDAY, the 13th day of April, 1890, at noon, the Company's Steamship *PREUSEN*, Capt. O. PONZI, with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at GIBRALTAR.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th April. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has ample accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1890.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIKON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,

MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA; ALSO

LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd April, 1890, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *MELBOURNE*, Commandant VIMONT, with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 1st April, 1890. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office.)

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 21, 1890.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THEATRE ROYAL, ONLY THREE MORE

PERFORMANCES IN HONGKONG.

BY HUBSON AND HIS

RENOVÉ SURPRISE PARTY,

THE LAUGHING GAS COMPANY,

(UNLIMITED).—One Million Sterling

Paid-up Capital, \$100,000.

Stocks Managing Director, Mr. T. P. Hudson.

Patentee and Manufacturer,

THE SURPRISE PARTY

Big Laughing Bonanza and Fat Funny

Divertissements, guaranteed to all the Shareholders, who are responsible only for their

paid-in capital. The world-famous Nitro

Gas and Concoctedness Essence is war-

anted to be innocently pure and entirely

free from all deleterious effects, morally,

socially, or physically, to the whole of the

juvenile and adult portion of the human

race. This Company has not the most re-

mote connection with the masculine makers

of common hydrogen or explosive gases and

fiendish compounds. No compulsory or

penalty demands, &c., our motto being

The Pink of Perfection and Courtesy.

Last night of the present

MONSTER PROGRAMME.

Admission as usual. Smiling begin 9 p.m.

Box Office open at 11 p.m. Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, The

TH. P. HUNSON, Proprietor & Manager.

Another great bill of Novelties To-mor-

row Evening, Hongkong, March 27, 1890.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Third Ordinary Annual MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the CHAMBER

or COMMENCE Rooms at the City Hall, at

Twelve o'clock (noon), on THURSDAY,

the 10th April next, for the purpose of re-

ceiving the Report of the Directors, with a

Statement of Accounts to 31st December,

1889.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 27, 1890.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 3rd April, 1890, commencing at 2.30

p.m. sharp, at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street,

WITHOUT RESERVE,

THE ENTIRE STOCK-IN-TRADE

OF

MESSRS. GATE & CO.,

comprising

WELL KNOWN FIRST-CLASS SILK,

DRY GOODS, and OTHER MESS MATERIALS.

FIRST-CLASS MUSLIN, REAL LACE,

VELVET, VELVETEEN, SILK HOSIERY, PLAN-

TEL, HADDERSBURY and every description

of ARTICLES for LADIES' OUTFITS.

ETC., ETC., ETC.

The above will be on view on Thursday

next. Orders may be left with the Auctioneer.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

G. E. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 27, 1890.

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HONGKONG MASONIC CLUB, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third

Annual General MEETING of

SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the CLUB ROOMS on THURSDAY, April 3rd,

at 5 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the

Report of the Directors and a Statement of

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By Order,

H. H. HARMS,

for the Liquidators.

Hongkong, March 27, 1890.

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SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KORE AND

YOKOHAMA.

(Via Inland Sea.)

The Steamship *Glory*, Captain WABING, will be

despatched for the above

believe the possibilities of Hongkong are great, for China cannot keep her gates closed for ever. But for a year or two, we may have some difficulty with our ravens, more especially if the yield of the Opium Farm cannot be maintained at its present high figure. Economy will therefore have to be the order of the day, and one of the principal items that must be looked to is the military expenditure.

TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the 'CHINA MAIL']

(Via Southern Line)

THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN GERMANY.

LONDON, 24th March.

Prince Bismarck has been offered and declined a Dukedom.

Count Horbert Bismarck in the interim has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs.

London, 25th March.

It is now stated that a violent rupture with the Emperor preceded Prince Bismarck's retirement.

[Count Horbert Bismarck has been minister of Foreign Affairs for two or three years. We suppose the telegram should read that he has retained his portfolio meantime.—Ed. C.M.]

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[No. 3439.—MARCH 27, 1890.]

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The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise account of Literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying the views of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review, care of China Mail Office."

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondents' column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers contributed by the members of the various Consular, the Imperial Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Among the regular contributors are Dr. Chinnery, Eitel, Brotzneider, and Hirth, Professor Legge, and Messrs. Balfour, Waters, Stout, Phillips, MacInnes, Groot, Jamison, Fabel, Kuhn, Parker, Playfair, Giles, Piton, and Taylor—all well-known names, indeed, of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as half a pound, etc., etc., as the case may be, but not as a pattern or patterns of two or more to be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices given may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as though written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, ledgers, copies, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a pattern containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of a Registered Article for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, or certain cases, provided:

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the body of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by the fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the disunity or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

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MISSING, OR DELAYED CORRESPONDENCE.

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Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via South Seas, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; via Ceylon, Letters, 15 cents each; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2 cents each; Books and Patterns, 2 cents per 2 oz.

S. African Colonies—Letters, 30; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5 per 2 oz.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, China, Japan, Siam direct (including China, Tonkin, and the Philippines).

Letters per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 5 cents each.

Books and Patterns, per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 2 cents.

Newspapers and Price Current, each, 1 cent.

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LOCAL DELIVERY.

1. All correspondence posted before 1 p.m. on any rock day for addressees in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contarai Mails.

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3. Boxholders who desire to receive Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., of the same weight as addressed to Hongkong, or the Posts of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, &c., price, 7 cents.

NOW READY.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTING CHINA AND CHINESE; with special reference to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.

Copies may be had at the CHINA MAIL OFFICE, and at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., price, 7 cents.

the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must contain at least ten.

The post office may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern packets.

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PARCEL POST to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 10 lb. in weight

and received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom, P. & O. Packet and General.

No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Binhai. Parcels there arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, and marked, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., and 20 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb. which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps.

No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 5 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted until this is completed and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea, Tobacco, Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mail, Liquor (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as bind-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$250.

A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inland Parcels, addresses are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb.

The Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via

Post Office.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, or certain cases, provided:

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the body of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by the fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the disunity or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

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